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PROBABLE HUCHWAN MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT HYDROFOIL (PTH)  
HA TOU BOAT REPAIR FACILITY  
2055N 10709E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE FIRST SIGHTING OF A HUCHWAN HYDRO-FOIL MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT (PTH) IN NORTH VIETNAM. THE HUCHWAN PTH IS COMMUNIST CHINA'S FIRST OPERATIONAL HYDROFOIL COMBATANT.

2. LOCATION:

THE PROBABLE HUCHWAN PTH IS LOCATED AT HA TOU BOAT REPAIR FACILITY

K1 [REDACTED] IN NORTH VIETNAM.

3. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY FROM MISSION [REDACTED] REVEALS A CAMOUFLAGED PROBABLE HUCHWAN PTH LOCATED ON A CRADLE WITHIN THE CIRCULAR TIDAL BASIN AT HA TOU BOAT REPAIR FACILITY (UTM YJ239157).

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4. REMARKS:

THE HUCHWAN PTH, CHINA'S FIRST OPERATIONAL HYDROFOIL COMBATANT, HAVE BEEN OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE SHANGHAI SHIPYARD HU-TUNG SINCE LATE 1963. VESSELS OF THIS CLASS HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO OPERATING BASES, INCLUDING LAN-TIEN MTB BASE, AND HU MEN MTB BASE. TWO PROBABLE HUCHWAN PTH WERE OBSERVED AT THE LUNG-MEN NAVAL STATION (LOCATED AT THE HEAD OF THE GULF OF TONKIN) DURING SEPTEMBER 1967.

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5. COLLATERAL:

THE HUCHWAN PTH IS A PROBABLE REPLACEMENT FOR THE OLD P-4 PT. WITH

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HYDROFOILS FORWARD AND PLANING HULL AFT THE PTH SHOULD PROVIDE A MORE  
STABLE PLATFORM THAN THE P-4 AND P-6 AND SHOULD ALLOW OPERATION IN  
HIGHER SEA STATES AND AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM SPEED OF 45 KNOTS. THE  
HUCHWAN HAS A LENGTH OF [REDACTED] AND A DRAFT OF 5 FEET.  
THE ARMAMENT ON THE HUCHWAN PTH CONSISTS OF TWO 21-INCH TORPEDO TUBES AND  
TWO 12.7MM GUN MOUNTS AFT THE DECKHOUSE.

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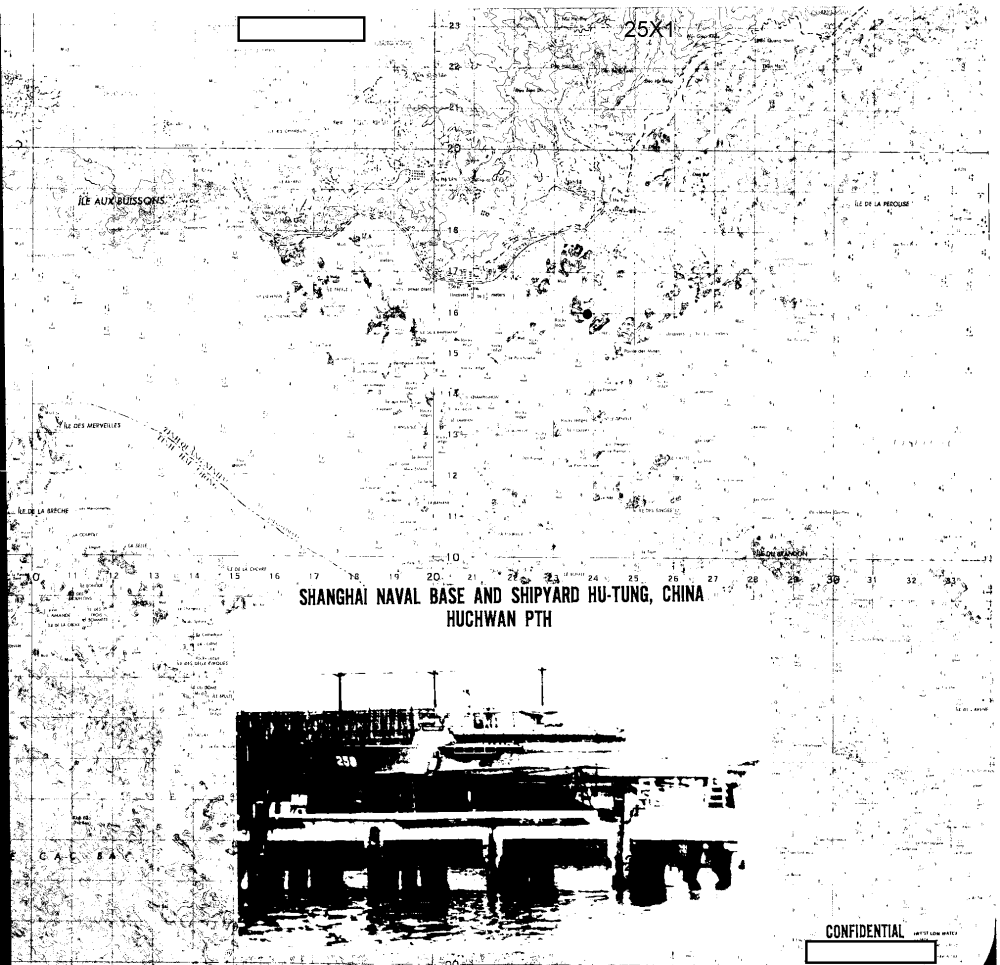
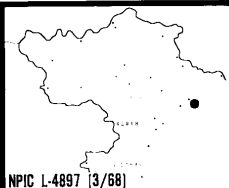
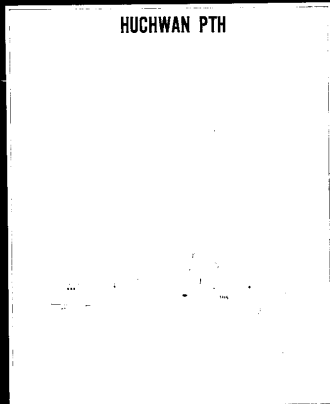
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